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NPS
INVENTORYNational Park Service
Pacific Northwest Region
Cultural Resources DivisionWestin Building, 1920
2001 Sixth Ave.
Seattle, Washington 98121

1. SITE I.D. NO

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2. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Tipsoo Lake Comfort Station

5. ORIGINAL USE

Comfort Station

7. CLASSIFICATION

9. RATING

10. DATE

1933-34

3. SITE ADDRESS (STREET & NO)

Tipsoo Lake 0-060

6. PRESENT USE

Same

8. UTM ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

11. REGION

4. CITY/VICINITY

Chinook Pass

COUNTY

Pierce

STATE

Washington

SCALE

1:24

1:62.5

QUAD

OTHER

NAME

12. OWNER/ADMIN ADDRESS

NPS/Mount Rainier National Park, Tahoma Woods-Star Route, Ashford, Washington

13. DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND HISTORY INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION DATE(S), PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS, MATERIALS, MAJOR ALTERATIONS, EXISTANT EQUIPMENT, AND IMPORTANT BUILDERS, ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, ETC

Log and masonry frame, one story, two room, rectangular structure; medium pitched cedar shake gable roof over tongue and groove sheathing and log rafters with whittled ends; projecting eaves and verges; log ridge beam; stone masonry walls lower half, log post and beam upper half, quarter log veneer at gable ends; horizontal casement windows; concrete foundation; exposed ceiling; log collar seams; 1 x 4 tongue and groove interior walls; concrete slab floor.

A state highway up to Cayuse Pass, then eastward past Tipsoo Lake through Chinook Pass, and on to Yakima Valley, was opened to traffic in 1932, providing a new entrance into the park. Superintendent Tomlinson thus requested the NPS Branch of Design and Plans, under the supervision of Chief Architect T.C. Vint, to prepare plans for the development of tourist facilities at Tipsoo and Chinook Pass. However, Tomlinson's ambitious designs were never completely carried out. Only the entrance arch and a day use area at Tipsoo Lake with two comfort stations were constructed (Thompson 1981: 163).

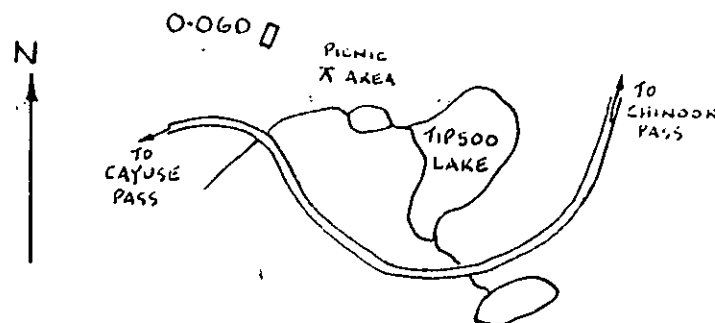
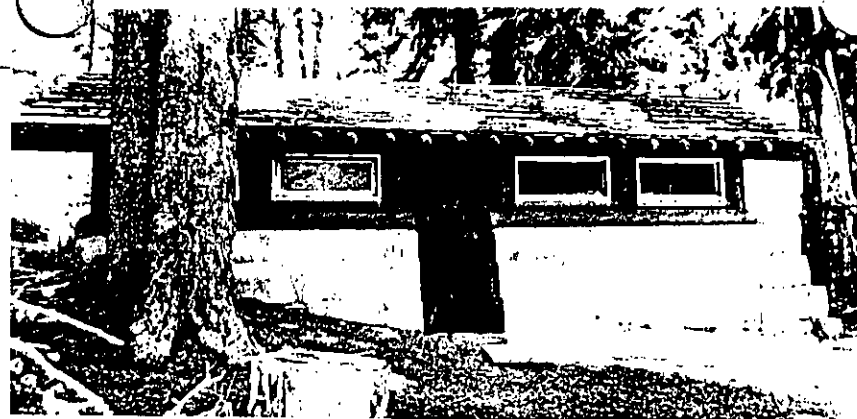
One of the two Tipsoo Lake comfort stations remains intact. Built by the CCC in 1933-34, the station is similar to the one constructed at Yakima Park (Sunrise). The structure measures 13' x 27', and is still used as a comfort

14. CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☒ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS15. DANGER OF DEMOLITION?
(SPECIFY THREAT)☐ YES☐ NO☒ UNKNOWN~~XXXXXXXX~~

station. Condition of the building is good except for a missing log beam-purlin on side facade that supports eave-roof slope. A log post has been inserted at one gable-verge end to provide roof support.

17 PHOTOS AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION



18. LOCATED IN AN HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☐ YES ☒ NO ☐ NAME

19. PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY ☐ YES, LIMITED ☒ YES, UNLIMITED ☐ NO ☐ UNKNOWN

20. EXISTING SURVEYS ☐ NR ☐ NHL ☐ HABS ☐ HAER-1 ☐ HAER ☒ NPS ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL ☐ OTHER

21. REFERENCES—HISTORICAL REFERENCES, PERSONAL CONTACTS, AND/OR OTHER

Building File O-060, Maintenance Division, Mt. Rainier National Park. Prepared by Drysdale, Report on Construction, 1933; K.L. Smith, building data, 1933; photo, no date.

Erwin N. Thompson, Mount Rainier National Park, Washington: Historic Resource Study (Denver: Historic Preservation Branch, Denver Service Center, National Park Service, 1981).

22. INVENTORIED BY

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AFFILIATION

MORA Cultural Resource Survey

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